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1. THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL HAS BANNED AND FROZEN THE
ASSETS OF FOUR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE USED BY
GENERAL ACHEAMPONG TO FURTHER HIS CAMPAIGN FOR UNION GOVERNMENT.
THE FOUR ARE? A. THE PATRIOTS; B. THE ORGANIZER'S COUNCIL;
C. THE FRIENDS; D. THE GHANA YOUNGSTERS CLUB.

2. A FIFTH ORGANIZATION, THE GHANA NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION
CORPS IS TO BE REVIEWED BY A SPECIALLY APPOINTED GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE THE FUNCTIONS,
MANPOWER USE, FINANCES AND OPERATION OF THE CORPS. THE
COMMITTEE WILL ALSO TAKE CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY PENDING RESULTS OF THE REVIEW.

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3. THE SMC HAS ALSO DIRECTED THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION,
SOCIAL WELFARE AND INFORMATION TO STUDY AND SUBMIT
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL CHARTER
SECRETARIAT, AT THE SAME TIME DISSOLVING ALL ITS REGIONAL
AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES. THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT HAS
BEEN DIRECTED TO REMAIN IN BEING TO ASSIST IN TAKING
INVENTORY OF ITS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER PROPERTY.

4. ASSTATED IN REFTTEL THE GHANA BAR ASSOCIATION INCLUDED AMONG ITS DEMANDS TO THE AKUFFO GOVERNMENT THAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT BE WITHDRAWN FROM SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS. THOSE WERE AS FOLLOWS: A. THE NATIONAL REDEMPTION CHARTER COMMITTEE; B. GHANA PEACE AND SOLIDARITY COUNCIL; C. GHANA NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION CORPS; D. ASHANTI YOUTH ASSOCIATION; E. KUMASI YOUNGSTERS CLUB; F. GA-ADANGME YOUTH ASSOCIATION; G. GOLTA YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; H. AFRICA YOUTH COMMAND; I. THE FRIENDS; J. THE PATRIOTS; K. THE ORGANISERS COUNCIL.

5. COMMENT: THE SMC HAS THUS TAKEN ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FIVE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE BAR ASSOCIATION'S LIST. EMBASSY VIEWS THIS MOVE, ALTHOUGH MODEST, TO BE A CONTINUATION OF AKUFFO'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A CLIMATE OF NATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND GAIN SUPPORT OF KEY ELEMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY IN WORKING TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM. HOLMES

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